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MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mental illness affects one in five Americans every year, and co-occurrence of mental illness and substance abuse is a significant concern that requires integrated mental health treatment.

The County of Los Angeles has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care for all residents. Mental health is a fundamental component of general health and indispensable to personal well-being, family and interpersonal relationships, and societal interactions.

The Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health have joined the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in a focused effort to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and mental illness during the month of May 2010. To start the festivities, an informational fair will be held at the Civic Mall of the Hall of Administration in the morning of May 6, 2010.

The fair will be followed by the launching of a new digital archive on mental health and the presentation of the veterans' mental health services at the *LACDMH: 50 Years of Community Service, Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Present, Transforming the Future* commemoration event on May 20, 2010, at the California Endowment Center for Health Communities. On that same day, the Mental Health Commission will hold its 11th Annual Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards.

On May 21, 2010, there will be a day-long discussion on *Partnership for Mental Health: A Conference on Academic-Public Collaborations for Research on Mental Health Recovery and Wellness* at UCLA.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of May 2010 as "May is Mental Health Month" throughout the County of Los Angeles, and encourage employee participation in celebrating May 2010 as "May is Mental Health Month."

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